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Sen. Kelly Hancock Statement on Committee Passage of SB 507

With strong support, balance billing mediation expansion heads to full Senate

AUSTIN - Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) today released the following statement regarding committee passage of Senate Bill 507 (85R):

"At the committee hearing on SB 507, we heard the personal stories of Texans who received huge, out-of-pocket medical bills for emergency treatment despite having checked with the health care facility to make sure their insurance would be accepted. That just isn't right. Medical billing shouldn't be this confusing.

"SB 507 expands the Texas Department of Insurance mediation program, a fast and effective way for Texans to settle those surprise bills. I appreciate the support of my colleagues in committee and look forward to bringing this important legislation to the Senate floor."

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Sen. Hancock represents [District 9](#), which includes portions of Dallas and Tarrant Counties. He currently serves as Chairman of the Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce.